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Rain, rain. Go away!



► London resident Ron Pokraka and his dog, Mags, break out the foul-weather gear yesterday for a walk along Dundas Street.

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This weather is a real wet blanket

London spent yesterday under a rainfall warning issued by Environment Canada. At least 50 millimetres of rain were expected to fall overnight, with strong winds and scattered showers continuing today. Rain will continue through Friday, with temperatures hovering near 10 C. The sun is forecast to emerge on Saturday, only to yield to more rain on Sunday.

Look, ma! Straight A's

- London maintains triple-A credit rating
- Toronto's rating sits at a tier below



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"I think what's more important than the numbers is the signal. I think this is something that we can feel proud about."

MIKE MOFFATT, ECONOMIST, RICHARD IVEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Thirty-five years and still running.

That was the story out of city hall yesterday as Mayor Joe Fontana announced London has again earned the highest possible credit rating — Aaa — from Moody's Investors Service.

So what does that mean?

Mike Moffatt, an economist at UWO's Richard Ivey School of Business, sums it up this way: "It means if you loan London money, they're not going to go bankrupt. You're going to get your money back."

A municipal credit rating works like an individual credit rating, Moffatt says. Thanks to London's high marks, it can cash in on the lowest interest rate when borrowing money.

There is probably not much difference in interest — \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year — for cities with

the highest bond rating compared to those that score the next tier down, Moffatt says. But the better rating still means taxpayers are getting a better deal.

In a statement from the mayor's office, Moody's cites council's 2010 tax freeze and the city's "prudent, conservative approach to fiscal planning along with a strong track record (of) achieving positive results."

Martin Hayward, London's chief financial officer, credits the rating to "fiscal discipline" and "long-term financial planning."

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Terry Fox makes it into Medical Hall of Fame

Terry Fox is one of seven people being inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

Six past and current leaders of medical science are among the 2012 inductees, along with Fox, in whose memory hundreds of millions of dollars have been raised for cancer research. This year's other inductees are the late John James Rickard (J.J.R.) Macleod, the late Armand Frappier, the late Peter Macklem, John Dirks, F. Clarke Fraser, and Lap-Chee Tsui.

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► Terry Fox



► David Rundle poses for a photo outside his northwest London home, which recently became part of the Ontario government's microFIT program. Readings from the "revenue meter" pictured above will determine how many kilowatt hours are being produced from solar panels on Rundle's roof and how much he will be paid for participating.

C. difficile scare passes

The C. difficile outbreak declared on Sept. 28 on the eighth floor in-patient unit at University Hospital is over, officials with the London Health Sciences Centre said. To manage patients who show symptoms of C. difficile disease, such as diarrhea or abdominal pain, London Health Sciences Centre will introduce molecular testing to the laboratory. ● METRO

Going green, up top

► Rooftop solar panels not the right fit for all homes, but many in city likely qualify: Solar contractor ► Average approval wait time 6 to 8 weeks



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What's your roof done for you lately?

For David Rundle, the answer is about to become "made money."

Rundle is one of about 40 Londoners participating in the provincial government's microFIT program.

Over the next two decades, he expects to bring in about \$140,000 from solar panels that were recently installed on the roof of his home.

He likes the idea of getting paid to help Ontario create clean energy. Plus,

it's upped his cool factor with younger members of his household.

"My (19-year-old) daughter thinks it's pretty neat," Rundle said.

The microFIT program started in 2009 as a major component of Premier Dalton McGuinty's Green Energy Act.

The "FIT" part of the program's name stands for "Feed-in Tariff." Homeowners sign a 20-year contract to collect energy — generally through solar panels on their roofs — feed what they take in to companies like London Hydro, and get paid a flat rate for every kilowatt hour they produce.

\$800

The revenue forecast peaks in the summer at about \$830 a month, and is lowest in December, at \$300.

ment of his home — prepared by solar contractor Efan Green and based on all sorts of mathematical calculations — shows he could bring in \$520 in an average October.

Not everything Rundle's rooftop makeover generates will be pure profit. Going solar cost him nearly \$60,000, covered with a line of credit that resulted from re-mortgaging his home.

"It's a risk because you don't know (exactly) what it is," Rundle said, referencing the fact that the program's still relatively new. "Usually, there's a little more reward when there's more risk."

Child-obesity discussion tonight

If you think a panel of research experts can't be intriguing, think again.

A Lawson Health Research Institute discussion lined up for tonight is more about you than the experts.

Childhood Obesity — Where It Starts and How We Stop It will take what David Hill calls a café scientifique approach to the issue.

Location

The panel discussion called Childhood Obesity — Where It Starts and How We Stop It, is from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight at Windermere Manor, 200 Collip Circle.

"We will basically go with the flow," said Hill, the research institute's sci-

entific director. "It's essentially owned and run by the people who attend."

Three experts, including Hill, will give 10-minute talks on the way childhood obesity is being addressed in the research world. From there, the direction the discussion takes is up to the audience.

The institute has several forums like this each year, Hill said. ● ANGELA MULLINS

News in brief

Knights captain injury checkup

London Knights captain Jarred Tinordi's injured eye will be re-evaluated by team doctors before tomorrow's game against the Belleville Bulls.

Tinordi, who injured his eye in a fight with Johnny McGuire of the Erie Otters on Oct. 14, has

missed three games. Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. JLC game are available. ● METRO

Western utility makes pitch

In a pitch to the finance and administration committee, Edmonton-based utility provider EPCOR touted its ability to create a more efficient service and give the city access to additional capital while working with London Hydro. ● AM980/AM980.CA



Poor women whom the U.S. government moved out of the projects as part of an experiment in the '90s have benefited from lower obesity rates. Scan code for story.

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COMRAGS TEACHES A LESSON IN LONGEVITY

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In an era of throw-away threads, it seems like investment dressing has become a lost art. Where once people used to scour the sale racks in secret, we now brag about our scores at Winners, our Joe Fresh finds and our ability to throw together outfits for less than \$100. We buy what we need for the moment and feel instantly gratified by having a sprinkling of the latest trends. And paying full price? I'll wait for Gap's Friends & Family Event, thanks very much.

And yet, I'm sensing a bit of a bargain-hunting backlash. Many of us have closets bursting at the seams with heaps of so-so clothes that we've gotten only because they're on sale. We end up buying more than we need (and often spending more than we have), all for the thrill of the bargain hunt. If only there were a patch for sale shopping ...

I chatted with Joyce Gunhouse and Judy Cornish, the Canadian duo behind Comrags, about their much-loved line of wardrobe "keepers."

The designers were at Saffron Road last week to meet their London

customers and fete nearly 30 years in the fashion business. Gunhouse and Cornish approach fashion a little differently than most. Though they both studied fashion at Ryerson, it was the Sally Ann that taught them the most about fabrics, proportion and great design.

They would methodically take apart vintage couture pieces from thrift shops like the Salvation Army to really understand the workmanship of a great jacket or dress.

And their attention to detail shows: Experiencing their tailored blazers and sleek shift dresses, crafted out of high-tech yet easy-to-care-for and wearable fabrics, it's clear these pieces are ones you could love for ever.

Gunhouse laughs, "We have a customer who keeps four of our black Wrigley dresses on permanent rotation.

"When you find something that works, you can wear it forever."

Cornish adds, "Comrags has never done trendy clothes.

"We try to make garments that can be reinvented so that they'll always be relevant to your wardrobe."

I tell the designers their clothes seem to reflect their personalities: Chic yet approachable. Gunhouse agrees: "Approachable — that's exactly it."

Timeless, approachable and not the least bit disposable.

SARAH FRANCIS/FOR METRO



► Joyce Gunhouse, left, and Judy Cornish, right, of Comrags, pose with model Mallorie Brodie, second left, and Gail-Lynn Gastaldi, owner of Saffron Road.

Top. Guns



► Top Guns members, from left, Cam MacQueen, 22, Drew Zimmerman, 24, Bear Johal, 24, and Taylor Love, 23, are seen at UWO yesterday. They came to collect donations and encourage students to start their own chapter of the charity, which raises money in the name of breast cancer.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Raising cash for breast cancer

The Top Guns started their cross-country tour of college campuses in September as part of their effort to raise \$135,000. So far, they've raised about \$25,000, money that Victoria hospitals will put toward equipment used to treat breast-cancer patients. To learn more about the charity, visit topgunscharity.ca.

Media's portrayal of violence to be discussed

More than 500 educators, parents, students, and health and justice professionals will attend conference

From Don Cherry's Rock 'Em Sock 'Em DVDs to hockey fights that appear on YouTube seemingly before the combatants skate to the penalty box, violence in media is everywhere.

"What can be done about it? That's the focus of a conference at Western today and tomorrow involving Canada's leading expert on concussions and a former NHL tough guy-turned-politician.

Dr. Charles Tator, a Toronto-based neurosurgeon, and Georges Laraque, deputy leader of the Green party and former NHL heavyweight, are featured guests at When Violence Becomes Entertaining: Recapturing Childhood and Adolescence from the Toxic Influence of Media.

Tator and Laraque will join Peter Jaffe from Western's faculty of education

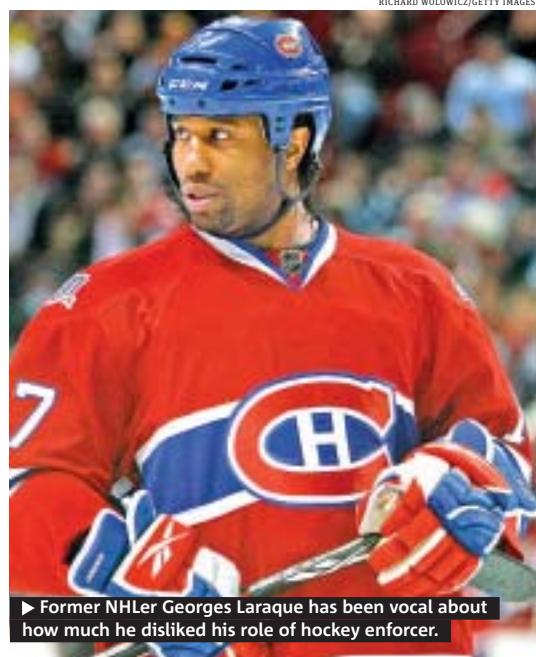
and former NHL referee Ron Wicks tonight for the opening panel discussion, Violence in Sports: Promotion in the Media.

"The purpose of sports is to build character and teamwork rather than glorify the violence that many in the media promote through highlights and DVDs," said Ray Hughes, national co-ordinator for the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health's Centre for Prevention Science.

"There are more fights than goals posted to YouTube for today's youth to watch over and over again. And that's just wrong."

The Thames Valley District School Board is sending more than 350 delegates as part of the board's Safe Schools initiative.

"We now understand



► Former NHLer Georges Laraque has been vocal about how much he disliked his role of hockey enforcer.

that to keep schools free of violence, we must deal with some of the underlying issues that promote problem attitudes and behaviours with our students, such as media violence," said Barb Sonier, TVDSB superintendent responsible for Safe Schools. ■ METRO

Top court: Web link is not libel

► Ex-Green party campaign manager had launched actions against Google, Myspace.com, Wikipedia

The Supreme Court of Canada has unanimously upheld a lower court's ruling that linking to a website containing libellous material does not in itself constitute libel.

The top court ruled yesterday against Wayne Crookes, a former Green party campaign manager who argued that posting links to sites with defamatory statements was the same as publishing the defamatory material.

The website in question did not reproduce any of the disputed material, nor did it make any comment on it.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court said there

Huge win

There were concerns that a decision siding with Wayne Crookes would have a chilling effect on the web.

"The ruling is a huge win for the Internet," said Michael Geist, a University of Ottawa law professor who holds the Canada research chair in Internet and e-commerce law.

is a difference between simply linking to a website and actively encouraging someone to follow a link to a website with defamatory content.

"Making reference to the existence and/or location of content by hyperlink or otherwise, without more, is not publication of that content," the court wrote in its decision.

"Only when a hyperlinker presents content from the hyperlinked material in a way that actually repeats the defamatory content, should that content be considered to be 'published' by the hyperlinker."

"Such an approach promotes expression and respects the realities of the Internet, while creating little or no limitations to a plaintiff's ability to vindicate his or her reputation."

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Tourists flock to protest site

There's the Empire State Building, the World Trade Centre site and, of course, Times Square. Now many visitors to New York City have added another spot to their list of must-sees — the Occupy Wall Street protest.

Tourists from around the world have become regular visitors at the plaza in Lower Manhattan where protesters have been demonstrating for the past month.

On any given day, visi-



► Kenneth Nieves, right, and a man who identifies himself as One Love demonstrate at the Occupy Wall Street encampment in Zuccotti Park, yesterday in New York.

tors can be seen taking photographs of themselves at Zuccotti Park with protesters in the background.

The double-decker buses

offering tours of Manhattan pass by on Broadway, with guides pointing out the park site.

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Seeking. Answers



► A family member of one of Mark Moore's alleged victims weeps at a press conference where it was announced Moore is charged with four counts of first-degree murder and 54 firearms offences in Toronto.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Man charged with murders

Police in Toronto have arrested and charged Mark Garfield Moore, 27, who they allege is responsible for a spate of gun violence over several months, including four killings. Police are attributing 11 shootings between June 1 and Nov. 24, 2010, to Moore.

Free coffee scam surfaces on Facebook

Coffee lovers across North America beware: if someone offers you a free cup of java on Facebook, it's prob-

ably too good to be true.

A scam popped up on Facebook over the weekend promising users a free

Tim Hortons gift card if they liked a page and shared it with their friends. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Chile. Students revolt

► A hooded protester preparing to throw a paint-filled bottle is sprayed by a water cannon in Santiago yesterday. Students manned flaming barricades as they protested against the government's education policies.



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Dogged protesters go on the attack

'Noah's Ark wreck' sets off frantic hunt

► Police shoot tigers, lions in U.S. game-park emergency

TONY DEJAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sheriff's deputies shot nearly 50 wild animals — including 18 rare Bengal tigers and 17 lions — in a big-game hunt yesterday after the owner of an exotic-animal park threw open their cages and committed suicide in what may have been a last act of spite against neighbours and police.

As homeowners nervously hid indoors, officers armed with high-powered rifles and shoot-to-kill orders fanned out through fields and woods to hunt down about 56 animals that had been set loose from the Muskingum County Animal Farm by its owner, Terry Thompson, before he shot himself to death Tuesday.

After an all-night hunt



► Motorists get a warning on I-70 near Zanesville, Ohio, after dozens of wild animals were released.

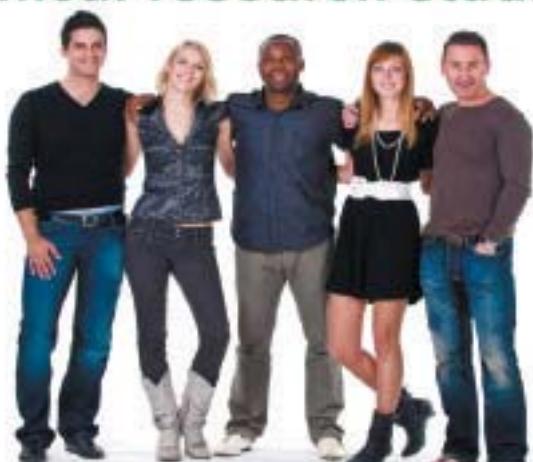
Fresh out

► The preserve's owner, Terry Thompson, had been released from prison just last month after serving a year for gun possession.

that extended into yesterday afternoon, 48 animals were killed. Six others — three leopards, a grizzly bear and two monkeys — were captured and taken to the Columbus Zoo. A wolf was later found dead, leaving a monkey as the only animal still on the loose.

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Austerity bill gets first vote

► Violence erupted over potential spending cuts, tax hikes and layoffs

Greek lawmakers have granted initial approval to a new austerity bill whose spending cuts and tax hikes have sparked fury.

The bill received a 154-141 vote yesterday. A second vote on the bill's articles will be held today in the 300-member Parliament. Only after that vote will the bill have passed.

Riots broke out in Athens when about 100,000

people protested on the first of a two-day general strike. Chunks of marble and gasoline bombs were hurled. Riot police used tear gas and stun grenades.

Measures include new tax hikes, further pension and salary cuts, the suspension on reduced pay of 30,000 public servants and the suspension of collective labour contracts.

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► A protester walks past a bus-ticket office set alight during clashes with police forces in central Athens yesterday.

Shhh ... Jobs remembered

Apple Inc.'s retail stores were curtained and employees were close-lipped during a private

memorial service to celebrate the life of company co-founder Steve Jobs yesterday. The service at Cupertino headquarters was also being webcast to employees worldwide.

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• They have influenced the courts to put people on trial for the socialistic ideals of handing out gifts for free. #Occupy34thStreet

• They have held students hostage through poor education, meaning their only path to validation is intense dance competitions — no spotlights, no springboards — on the mean streets of Baltimore.

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• They have continuously sought to kick us when we hit the ground, born down in a dead man's town, we end up like a dog that's been beat too much, till we spend half our life just covering up. #OccupyEStreet

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• They have purposely overcharged for noise-cancelling headphones that are just a renamed version of cheaper headphones, and sold us "long-lasting" gum that doesn't last very long at all. #OccupyStreetCents

• They have forced women to wear low-friction boards on their feet and push them down steep icy inclines. #OccupyPicaboStreet

• They have taken away columnists' right to peacefully assemble by making us move along unless we kowtow to capitalism by buying another coffee. #OccupyThatTableInTheStarbucksNearestTheElectricalOutlet

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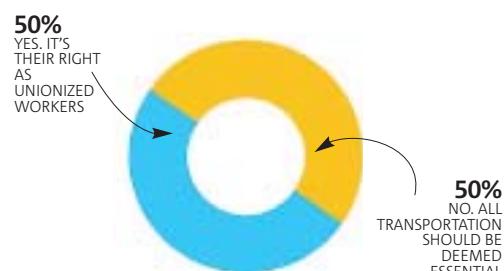


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Letters

RE: Tasering of 11-year-old boy was OK: Vancouver police chief, published Oct. 18 on metronews.ca

This is exactly why it isn't OK for police to investigate police.

There was never any doubt what the conclusion was going to be in this case. There is also no question that there are NO circumstances short of a loaded gun in plain sight that would make it acceptable for two 200-pound police officers to have to Taser an 11-year-old kid.

TERRY MCKINNEY
VANCOUVER B.C.

RE: Don't throw yourself in my backyard, published Oct. 17

Skydiving is considered a sport. Those who try it are considered daredevils, people who grab life by the collar and people who want to try new experiences.

Although community members' complaints of noise and fumes are understandable, it has now become a part of the culture of the area and it helps the economy with about 1,000 flights taking place each week.

MELANIE ZAKARIAN
TORONTO

Local tweets



► **@InOur**

Kitchen: It's not quite Friday yet, but we're still looking for #ldnont #foodies to follow and meet. Any one in #ldnont have any recommendations?

► **@HeritageCouncil:** Hey, did you know that it's citizenship week? Congrats to all the new citizens who were sworn in @londonlibrary yesterday! #ldnont

► **@rapcewicz4:** 77% on first ever university midterm? I'll take it. #UWO

► **@MichelleClermont:** @BrandonKrieger Now that I am in London using the #ldnont

tag has connected me with great people in London. I love Twitter for this!

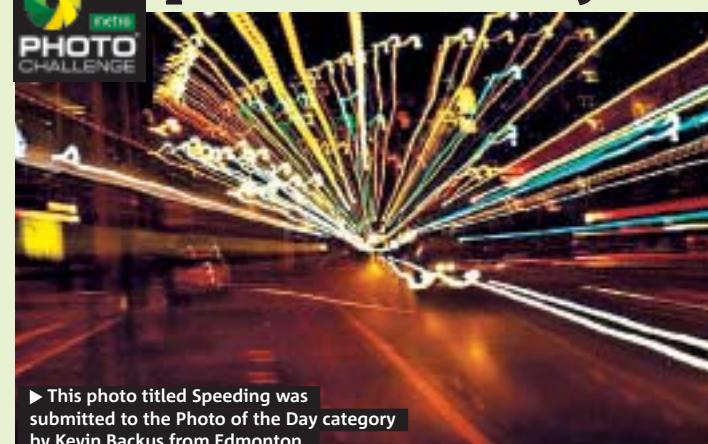
► **@EMIC43:** Baby, it's cold outside #ldnont

► **@lo_fye:** I'm looking to do a little volunteering in #LdnONT - who needs help? Experience in home renos, web dev, teaching, & degree in psych.

► **@cormackmike:** Your mark on this calculus exam will depend on how much time you spend at the ceeps #uwo #honesty

► **@vemaxo:** At #fanshawe with @randymai @katemorrisonxo @jgarrett94 + emilee & kalene :)

photo of the day



► This photo titled Speeding was submitted to the Photo of the Day category by Kevin Backus from Edmonton.

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WEIRD NEWS

Occupying the porch

Gail Loveman's 11-year-old cat named Zeus usually stands tall and hisses when he sees a squirrel outside his owner's home. He wasn't as much of a tough guy when the animal on the other side of the glass was a mountain lion.

Loveman tells The Denver Post the encounter lasted five minutes before the mountain lion wandered off from her house near Boulder, Colo.

Loveman says she was in her home office last Thursday when she heard a



► **Zeus, a Maine Coon cat, encounters a mountain lion in Boulder, Colo.**

noise and turned to see the mountain lion on the porch.

Zeus entered the room and walked to the sliding glass door for a closer look while Loveman snapped photos.

Loveman went upstairs and spotted a second mountain lion. She says both jumped a fence and left.

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Inspired community

► Graham Nicholas credits local musicians for driving him to find ways to make a new album

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"No one knows what the word 'folk' means anymore," says Graham

Nicholas. "If someone performs with an acoustic guitar, we tend to classify that as folk music."

"But it's more about passing stories along and getting as many people involved as possible. It's a way of identifying a community that you belong to."

Nicholas, a local musician, took this sentiment to heart when writing and recording his debut album *Bury Me Beneath the Dance Floor*. Along with eight friends, he formed a music collective called The Old River Raft in 2009. A modern spin on the grassroots



► Graham Nicholas will release his new album Saturday night.

Other events

Hip hop at Fanshawe

► Show On Friday, Fanshawe College will host Toronto hip-hop artist D-Sisive at the Out Back Shack as part of its new music series. Joined by funk hip-hoppers Pocket City and up-and-comer Hayah Mighty, the D-Sisive show is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m.

creativity that characterizes the folk genre, the group would meet regularly, each member taking turns sharing songs that the rest of the group would jam on.

"We were all learning to share our stories together," Nicholas says. "There was no lead singer, or head songwriter. And if someone had a story to tell we'd help them do that."

With some encouragement from his close friend

and band mate Scott Brunt, Nicholas started to spend more time writing his own music.

"He kept pushing me — I never used to sing back then and he really got me to try new things," Nicholas says.

Building on Brunt's advice and his own passion, Nicholas started to write and record an album in his downtown London apartment with sound engineer Casey Wolfe. Drawing on a

talented circle of friends to create a modern take on traditional folk music, Nicholas enlisted the help of Blair Whatmore of Handsome Dan and His Gallimaufry; Zach Hoffman and Andrew Lennox of Wild Domestic; Brent Herbert of The Woody Allens; and local musicians Martin Horak, Beth Prysuk and James Cummins along with Brunt and Wolfe.

"All the people that play on this album are a part of

my music community, part of this creative community that inspires me," Nicholas says.

Nicholas will celebrate the release of his album on Saturday night at the London Music Club (470 Colborne St.). He will be joined by Guelph group Your Neck of the Woods and Alanna Gurr, who is also celebrating the release of a new album that night. The show starts at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.



Oasis



Legendary Canadian singer-songwriter Paul Anka and former Oasis rocker Liam Gallagher will appear on Cover Me Canada this Sunday. CBC-TV says Anka will be a special guest judge as the four finalists sing the Ottawa native's time-honoured tunes.

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► Former Gov. of California Arnold Schwarzenegger is filming a new movie.

Arnold is back

► Schwarzenegger returns to acting in *The Last Stand*

Muscleman-turned movie star-turned California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is back before the cameras.

He's on the New Mexico set of *The Last Stand*, playing the starring role as a small town border sheriff facing off against convicts.

The actor posted a message on his Twitter ac-

count late Monday saying things were going well so far.

"Fantastic first day on the set of *The Last Stand*. Big thanks to the crew — keep up the great work," he said.

The Lionsgate studio says Schwarzenegger plays a former Los Angeles police officer who ends up

sheriff of a small border town after a botched operation.

The movie is a modern day Western about convicts making their way to the Mexico border through New Mexico after escaping from a Las Vegas prison.

The Last Stand is being directed by Kim Jee-Woon.

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Reese Witherspoon shares sexy 'secret' about pal Jennifer Aniston at a Hollywood event

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► Comedian Rowan Atkinson reprises his role as bumbling British agent Johnny English

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Rowan Atkinson, the venerable British comic actor, is known as much for his bumbling, near-silent Mr. Bean as he is for the witheringly sarcastic Black Adder. He returns to cinemas this year with another of his characters, the blundering, very un-Bond-like British spy Johnny English. Bolstered by a surprising second life on DVD for the first film as well as Daniel Craig's revitalization of the franchise it mocks, Atkinson is hoping his spy has staying power. And if overseas box office receipts are any indication, it does.

The film has already had some impressive success around the world.

Yes, thank you. When you hear you're the No. 1 movie in Malaysia and Hong Kong and Indonesia and all these other places you think, Well that's curious. You know, these cultures about which I know absolutely nothing. Isn't it interesting that they can latch onto something like Johnny English Reborn and embrace it with as much enthusiasm



► Rowan Atkinson likens — but just a bit — Johnny English to the sillier James Bond movies from a decade ago.

as a British person would? Or Russia. I went to Moscow for a premiere there. That was fascinating — partly in fact from watching myself dubbed into Russian. I thought I

sounded slightly effeminate, but maybe that's how they see the British. It's probably some kind of Russian subtext. "Make sure the Brit looks a bit effete."

Given the success of Mr. Bean and Johnny English, do you find people expect you to be a bit more dimwitted in real life?

Dimwitted? I'm not aware of that (laughs). Maybe I

Getting chaired

One of the biggest laughs in Johnny English Reborn is during a tense briefing with the prime minister when Atkinson fails to control the raising and lowering of his chair.

► "There are a number of things at play there," Atkinson says. "One is the simple contrast, really, between a very serious meeting between the prime minister and his intelligence advisors — including Johnny English — and the ludicrous ineptitude of someone who's not controlling their pneumatic chair. And yet no one seems to stop the meeting and say, 'Would you stop playing with that chair!'"

disappoint them — either by not being dimwitted enough or being more dimwitted than they thought I was going to be. Sometimes you get a sense of expectation of comedy, of a comic persona. When they discover that you're not Mr. Bean or anything like him, or even quite different — I hope — from Johnny English, as long as you can be polite and engaging, they might excuse you.

Where did the idea of revisiting Johnny English come from?

When the first Johnny English movie came out, people thought it was a bit cheap and cheerful. A "yeah, OK, three good jokes but then what?" sort of thing. And then it rather bizarrely established this reputation as a kind of DVD movie that children in particular can watch over and over and over again. The second re-exploitation, as they say; the TV screenings and the DVD sales. And that's where Johnny English did surprisingly well. And I guess that was a lot of the justification for making a sequel, from a commercial point of view.

And Bond has been having a resurgence.

Yes, exactly. What's good, actually, about the Daniel Craig thing is not only is he good in the part but because they decided — I'm sure, quite rightly — to move it into a more serious vein, it kind of opened up the field a bit for us. Johnny English Reborn is probably a little more — although only a little — like a James Bond movie of 10 or 15 years ago, when you had more fun with it and more silly jokes.

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T.I. remade



► T.I. — the so-called King of South — has bounced back after being incarcerated by writing a novel.

Spending most of the last two years behind bars usually disqualifies someone from labeling themselves a role model.

But T.I. — back after his latest release from confinement — insists that he's still the voice to help shape the youth for good, perhaps even more so after his well-documented struggles.

"I understand if you have your reservations of my history or my criminal record. But my question to you is, 'Who do you have that has a clean record, a clean image, never did drug, never tooted a gun? Who else do you have that can speak to these kids and they'll listen to them? If not me, who?'" he said during a recent interview.

"I was actually making progress. I was doing good. I was touching lives and making a difference."

T.I. is hoping to pick up where he left off, both with his community service and

Knock, knock, knocking on opportunity's door

► Former Guns N' Roses bassist Duff McKagan a real Renaissance man
► Writes for ESPN.com, owns a wealth management company

In the years since Duff McKagan left Guns N' Roses and Velvet Revolver behind, he has emerged as something of a renaissance man. He writes about sports for ESPN.com, has his own wealth management company, Meridian Rock, for musicians, and now, is an author with the book, *It's So Easy (and Other Lies)*. And he still rocks out with his group Loaded.

The book takes its name from a Guns N' Roses song, and details McKagan's triumphs and struggles. The Seattle-born rocker rose to fame in the late 1980s with Guns N' Roses, but would eventually become addicted to drugs and alcohol, until an epiphany one day changed McKagan's life.

The title of the book is It's So Easy, and yet it hasn't been so easy. What made it hard?

The band started to take off, and moving to L.A. was great. But I suffered panic attacks, young. And I found that drinking would dampen down the panic attacks. And I always thought to myself, "When

I get up some free time, I'll deal with this," but as the band started to take off more and more, I got the panic attacks greater and greater, and I was drinking more and more. And then I found drugs, cocaine. I could drink more if I did cocaine, but cocaine would give me more panic attacks, and it would be this caustic kind of stew of action and reaction.

What made you change?
I found reason in the hospital. My mom — I'm the last of eight kids — had Parkinson's (disease) at the time. She came to the hospital, and she was suffering Parkinson's shakes and she was in a wheelchair. I'm the youngest son. I realized then and there that order of things was wrong. I was supposed to be taking care of her.

You have said that kickboxing turned your life around. How did that happen?
I looked like hell and there were boils coming out of my skin from drugs like leaving my body and this trainer said, 'There's



► Duff McKagan

somebody I want you to meet,' and they took me to this dojo ... He introduced me to sensei (teacher) Benny, and I could tell right away that he could see right through me, down inside of me and knew instantly.

How comfortable was it for to put your life in a book?
While it may seem like I revealed a ton in writing, you can reveal what you want to reveal. I keep my private life as private as I can. I revealed the important things as they relate to this book and the subject matter of this book.

You do quite a bit of writing, how did that start?
In 2008, I started writing for Seattle Weekly. I thought that maybe I would last a couple of weeks and I'd screw it up and they'd find somebody else. But I really found a voice and I like it. Those first two weeks turned into four, then six and eight. Now I'm there 170 weeks or something like that. After about a week, Playboy.com asked me to write a financial column because they knew I went to business school.

Now that you're a writer, what comes first?
Music takes precedence over everything. Writing is something you can do on the road, backstage, on the tour bus, on a plane. I get some of my best writing done on a plane.

Any chance Guns N' Roses would get back together?
Of course there's a chance. I don't know how real that chance is. It's not something I ever write about or talk.

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Probation breach lands Lohan in cuffs

► Star taken into custody after judge finds her in violation of probation
► Bail set at \$100,000

Lindsay Lohan has been taken away in handcuffs after a judge found her in violation of her probation.

Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner revoked Lohan's probation Wednesday after the actress encountered problems during her community service assignment at a women's shelter. Bail has been set at \$100,000.

Sautner said Lohan would be entitled to a hearing before being sentenced to jail over the violation.

Lohan has started serving hours with the American Red Cross, but Sautner said that would not count toward her probation because it was not part of her sentence.

It's the latest legal problem for the 25-year-old Lohan, who remains on probation for a 2007 drunken driving case and a misdemeanor theft case this year. ● METRO



► Lindsay Lohan

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► Jennifer Aniston

Reese gives love to Jen

Jennifer Aniston was honoured at Elle magazine's 18th annual Women in Hollywood Tribute, and her presenter, longtime pal Reese Witherspoon, couldn't contain her enthusiasm for the former Friends star, according to Us Weekly.

"On one hand, she is this gorgeous breathtaking beauty that men lose their thought process and their speech patterns [over] — I've actually seen this, it's

incredible when they see her — and, on the other hand, she is a woman who lets you in," Witherspoon gushed.

"There's not that many people actually that have this incredible combination. You just want to get your nails done with her, and you want to make out with her at the same time ... at least I do."

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► Hugh Jackman

Grammer says ex wanted Frasier

Kelsey Grammer thinks that ex-wife Camille Grammer had some pretty tough expectations when they first got together. "I think she married me because I was Frasier," Kelsey tells Piers Morgan in an interview.

"[Frasier] had this great wonderful life ... he was

stylish ... and just a little gay ... Kelsey Grammer is a different story."

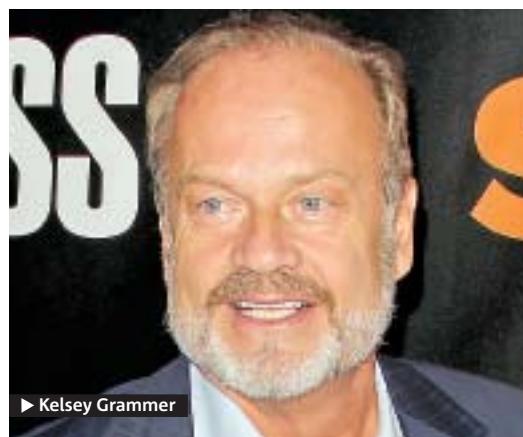
The actor also claims that his ex-wife's involvement on the Real Housewives of Beverly Hills was something of a "parting gift" from him.

"It was a very difficult marriage and a very diffi-

cult decade," he says. "I thought, 'So long, here's a present for you.'" ● METRO

"It was a very difficult marriage and a very difficult decade"

KELSEY GRAMMER ON HIS MARRIAGE TO CAMILLE



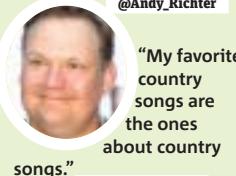
► Kelsey Grammer

Celebrity tweets



"Jesus Christ, the 2 dudes who work at this EZ-LUBE are ALSO gorgeous. My car's getting fixed in an Abercrombie & Fitch catalogue."

@Andy_Richter



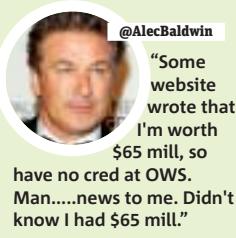
"My favorite country songs are the ones about country songs."

@MarthaPlimpton



"People ask @AlecBaldwin about pizza a lot. That's all I'm saying."

@AlecBaldwin



"Some website wrote that I'm worth \$65 mill, so have no cred at OWS. Man.....news to me. Didn't know I had \$65 mill."

Talking points

Beyoncé's mom mum on pregnancy

Tina Knowles knows a lot of details about daughter Beyoncé's pregnancy, but she's keeping mum. "They know what they're having, but I'm not telling," Tina tells Life & Style magazine. She would, however, divulge that her daughter has made it through morning sickness. "She went through it, but she's got past it now," Tina says. "She's craving waffles."

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Jackman said no to Bond

Hugh Jackman says he was considered to take over the role of James Bond before it ultimately went to Daniel Craig. "I got a call from my agent saying, 'There is some possible interest in you for Bond. Are you interested?' At the time, I wasn't," Jackman says.

"I was about to shoot X-Men 2, and Wolverine had become this thing in my life. I didn't want to be doing two such iconic characters at once."

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Keibler loves red carpet

George Clooney and Stacy Keibler are upping the ante when it comes to red carpet displays of affection, according to Us Weekly. Most recently? Hitting Paris for the French premiere of his new film, The Descendants, with Keibler on his arm. Clooney and Keibler "gazed adoringly at each other" while stopping for photographs.

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► Stacy Keibler and George Clooney

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life

Today's trend**KISS KISS BANG BANG**

Violent Lips' temporary lip appliqués will allow you to wear on-trend graphics on your pout in Lady Gaga or Ke\$ha style.

**VIOLENT LIPS**\$15, violentlips.com

Navajo Nation alleges trademark violations in Urban Outfitters' branding

She's got style in the bag

► As Tiffany & Co. launches their new leather collection in Canada, designers Richard Lambertson and John Truex dish on what's involved in making a luxury handbag ► Some items in the collection go for as much as \$21,200!

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**Bag mistake**

What do the designers deem the biggest mistake a woman can make when choosing a purse

► "A mistake is wearing a huge tote when you're wearing a formal dress at a wedding," adds Truex. "It's like, come on! The bag is entering the room before you are."

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How to keep warm this winter

- Curling up with blankets and cups of cocoa is lovely — but not when it's necessary for indoor survival
- Here's a few tips for winterizing your home

DIY IDEAS

By following simple fall maintenance tips, you can save energy and stay warm this winter.

In every episode of 10 Grand in Your Hand host John DeSilvia shows homeowners how to cut up to \$10,000 from their renovation and remodeling budgets by offering advice on new technologies and how-to information for doing it yourself.

Windows

Check for drafts by holding a lit candle near the seams of a closed window.

If the flame bends, there's a draft.

Check the exterior caulk for gaps and cracks that may need repair.

Remove all of the old caulk with caulk softener.

Polyurethane caulk works best for small and



► Licensed contractor John DeSilvia hosts 10 Grand in Your Hand.

large gaps.

After thoroughly cleaning the surface, use the new caulk and run a wet finger overtop for a smooth finish.

After drying for 12-15 hours, your windows are ready for winter.

Fireplace

Wood-burning fireplaces should be cleaned and inspected before winter falls.

This will prevent chimney fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Attic

Make sure the insulation in your attic is installed properly.

The vapour barrier should be facing down toward the living space, otherwise it will trap moisture.

Cut small holes along the vapour barrier to allow the moisture to escape.

Furnace

Always clean and replace filters in your furnace or

"Check for drafts by holding a lit candle near the seams of a closed window. If the flame bends, there's a draft."

heating system.

Have your gas heater or furnace inspected and serviced to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide and smoke detectors

Every fall, check your carbon monoxide detectors and smoke alarm and install fresh batteries.

A smoke alarm can save lives in a house fire.

Carbon monoxide is an invisible and odourless byproduct of burning oil or natural gas — the detector will sound if these levels get too high.

Keep a lid on it

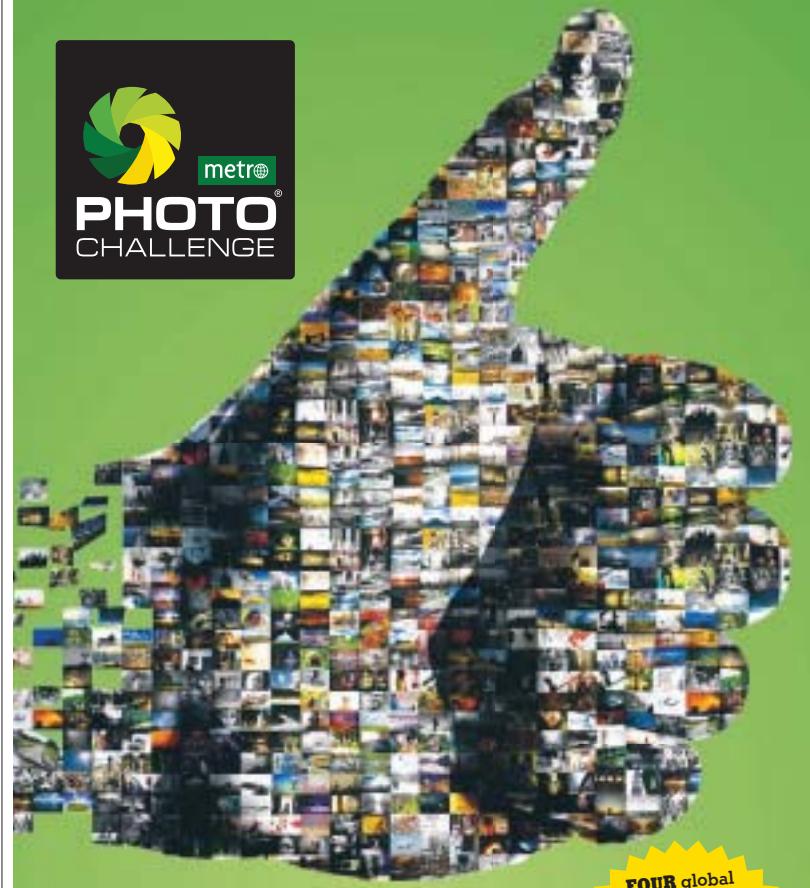
Inspect your roof for wear and tear.

► Shingles that are curling, buckling or crackling need to be replaced.

► Flashing: Be sure to check the seams around skylights, pipes and chimneys.

► Keep the heat in: If there are any leaks or gaps, heavy snow and ice will find its way in — along with the cold.

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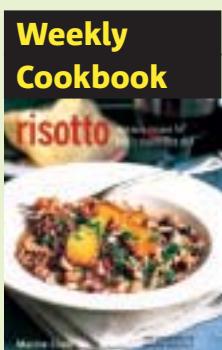
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Maxine Clark's collection, *Risotto: Delicious Recipes for Italy's Classic Dish* (Ryland, Peters & Small, 2011), features both popular favourites and lesser-known dishes. More than 50 recipes are included that incorporate vegetables; cheese and eggs; poultry and game; meat; sausage and bacon; fish and seafood; and more.

Among included recipes are: Duck Risotto with Spinach, Scallop & Spring Onion Risotto and more, including alternatives like Fried Rice Balls.

Wild rice gives risotto new texture

► Recipe modernizes Italian classic ► It also uses mushrooms & cheese for a burst of flavour

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Bursting with rich robust flavours of brown mushrooms and pecorino romano cheese, this risotto uses wild rice for a slightly different texture and flavour.

Preparation:

1 In saucepan, heat stock to a simmer. Then in a separate large saucepan, heat 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the butter and oil on high and cook until melted and bubbly. Add onion and cook until softened, 3 to 5 minutes. Add garlic and stir.



► This recipe serves four.

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Mushroom Risotto

2 Add rice and stir to coat thoroughly. Add a pinch each of the salt and pepper. Pour wine over rice and cook for 2 minutes until some of the alcohol boils off.

3 Add 2 ladlefuls of hot stock to rice and stir well. Stir frequently as stock starts to boil off

and rice begins to get soft. Add mushrooms.

4 Keep adding stock by ladleful, stirring every 2 minutes until all stock is absorbed and the rice is thoroughly cooked through. This will take about 30 to 40 minutes with brown rice. If you run out of stock, add a

bit of hot water.

5 Add remaining butter, cheese and parsley; stir to combine. Divide equally among 4 plates.

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Ingredients:

- 1 L (4 cups) chicken or vegetable stock
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- Half an onion, finely diced
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 250 ml (1 cup) brown and wild rice mixture
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) sea salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) white wine
- 750 ml (3 cups) mixed baby mushrooms such as cremini, button and chanterelle
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) freshly grated pecorino romano cheese
- 5 ml (1 tsp) chopped fresh parsley

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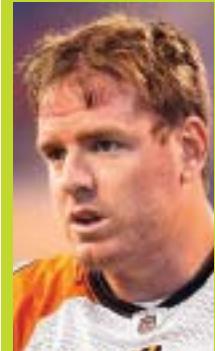


► The Winnipeg Jets celebrate Tobias Enstrom's goal against the Maple Leafs in Toronto last night. The Jets built up a 3-1 lead, but couldn't seal the deal as the Leafs won 4-3 in a shootout.

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"It was fun to be playing football, it was fun to be in a huddle again, it was fun to be throwing routes in 7-on-7 and teams and all these things."

NEW RAIDERS QB CARSON PALMER. A DAY AFTER BEING TRADED FROM CINCINNATI, PALMER SHARED FIRST-TEAM SNAPS YESTERDAY WITH KYLE BOLLER. THE QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER PALMER CAN DO ENOUGH THIS WEEK TO EARN THE STARTING QUARTERBACK JOB IN PLACE OF THE INJURED JASON CAMPBELL.

'Direct and constructive'

- Federal mediator sees some hints of progress in talks between NBA and players union
- The two sides met for more than 24 hours in a 32-hour span in bid to end lockout

NBA owners and players ended negotiations Wednesday after more than eight hours.

Federal mediator George Cohen said the two sides would resume bargaining Thursday afternoon. Owners had to leave to attend board of governors meetings Wednesday evening through midday Thursday.

"The discussions have been direct and constructive, and as far as we are concerned, we are here to

continue to help assist the parties to endeavour to reach an agreement," Cohen said.

The two sides met for more than 24 hours in a 32-hour span.

Without a deal this week, Commissioner David Stern might have to decide when a next round of cancellations would be necessary. The season was supposed to begin Nov. 1, but all games through Nov. 14 have been scrapped, costing players

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Each side has formally proposed receiving 53 per cent of basketball-related income. The players got 57 per cent under the old deal.

about \$170 million in salaries.

Cohen said players and owners met in a variety of settings during mediation, sometimes in subcommit-

tees, other times in groups as large as 40 people.

"Everyone is extremely focused on the core issues, the difficult issues that confront them," he said.

Stern left after talks surpassed the seven-hour mark to attend an owners' planning committee meeting at another hotel. He departed with Celtics owner Wyc Grousbeck, the planning committee chairman, and NBA president of league and basketball operations Joel Litvin.

Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver, the league's lead negotiator, and Spurs owner Peter Holt, who heads the labour relations committee, remained to lead the talks with players.

Stern hoped to bring a deal to his owners during their two days of board meetings; otherwise, he warned more games might be cancelled. Already 100 games have been lost.

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Gold for Canada in badminton

Canada has added to its gold-medal haul at the Pan American Games.

Michelle Li of Markham, Ont., and Toronto's Alexandra Bruce defeated Americans Iris and Rena Wang

21-15, 21-15 in women's doubles badminton yesterday.

Toronto's Joycelyn Ko and Calgary's Grace Gao took bronze.

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Injury sidelines Brodeur

New Jersey Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur will miss seven to 10 days with an injury to his right shoulder.

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Governor backs new home for Vikings

Gov. Mark Dayton said yesterday he's ready to throw his political weight behind a new, publicly subsidized football stadium that would be built on a site preferred by the Minnesota Vikings.

The Vikings have sought a replacement for the Metrodome for nearly a decade, calling the venue no longer sufficiently profitable. The team's lease runs out at the end of the season. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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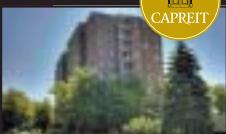
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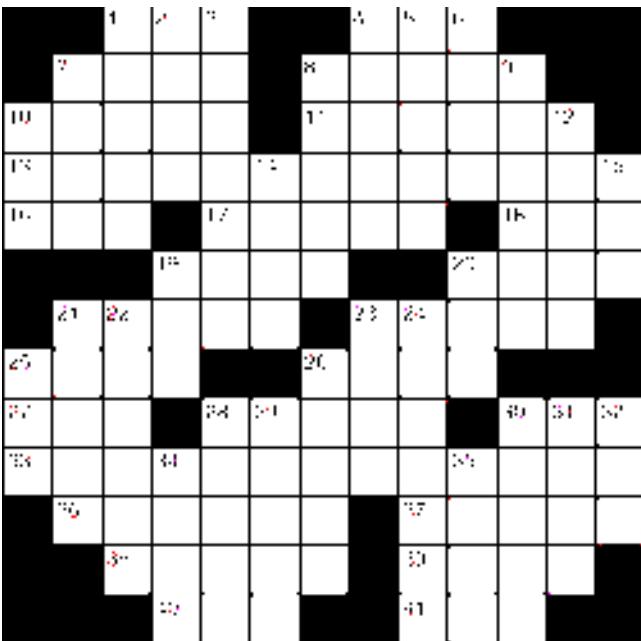
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Across

1 Aries
4 English channel?
7 Wash
8 Shroud of concealment
10 Resided
11 "Yay!"
13 2004 Green Day album
16 Lair
17 Expenses
18 Old French coin
19 Lion's crowning glory
20 Encounter
21 Gets better
23 Tote
25 Frog's cousin
26 "Desire Under the —"
27 Ph. bk. data
28 Khartoum's country
30 "Wham!"
33 Unimpeachable information
36 100 per cent, as an effort
37 Dieter's lunch
38 Speaks unclearly
39 Pastoral piece
40 Pigs' home
41 Cleo's slayer

Down

1 "Nevermore" sayer
2 Assert
3 Doctor-related
4 Pulling no punches
5 Foe of Bullwinkle
6 Hallmark offering
7 Citrus fruit



8 Pursuit
9 Bygone German leader
10 Young fellow
12 Nonsense
14 Swindles
15 Boy king of Egypt
19 Frenzied
20 — Doubtfire"
21 Uproar
22 Atelier supports
23 Dressed
24 Memory loss
25 Stick with a kick
26 Tends texts
28 Nose



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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Someone in a position of authority can threaten or bribe you, but you won't lose sight of your principles.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You would be wise to watch your back over the next 24 hours. According to the planets, a rival is plotting.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You may not want to give up on a project but you have no choice. It would take cash to keep going.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Deep down, you know what must be done but you seem to be waiting for a sign. Trust your gut instead.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 You may be tempted to hold out for a better offer but that may not be such a good idea. Seal the deal.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 If you believe things will go badly, they may. You'll feel better when the Sun changes signs this weekend.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The best way to deal with someone who refuses to see sense is to let him or her go. He or she will learn.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 In a matter of days, you will confound your critics and do something extraordinary.

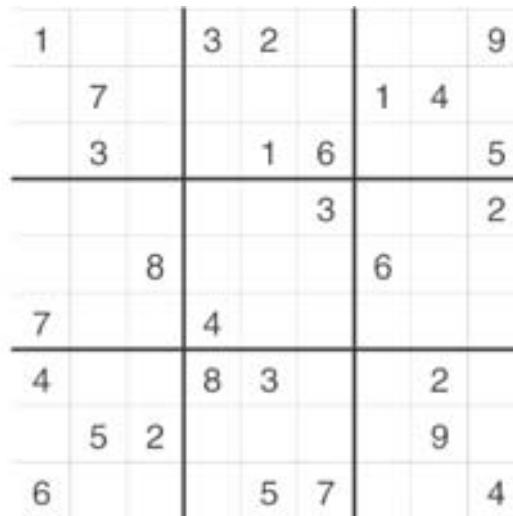
♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Give others the impression that you don't really care whether you win or lose — then strike.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Don't dwell on your failures. You can't change the past so why waste time thinking about it?

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Something seems to be bothering you deeply and your rivals have picked up on the scent of your fear.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Why are you trying to live up to an untrue image? Don't try to be someone else. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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